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SUBJ: SECRETARY'S INITIATIVE ON STRENGTHENING UNDRO

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1. MINCOUN AND MISOFF HAD HOUR AND HALF SESSION WITH
AMBASSADOR BERKOL AND HIS EXECUTIVE OFFICER, ROBER
ROSSBOROUGH. POINTS MADE BY MINCOUN WERE: (A) THAT USG
ANXIOUS TO RELINQUISH ITS ROLE, WHICH IT ALL TOO OFTEN
HAS ASSUMED BY DEFAULT, OF BEING MULTILATERAL COOR-
DINATOR AND DISSEMINATOR OF INFORMATION IN DISASTER SITUATIONS;
(B) THAT, THEREFORE, THE USG WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE UNDRO
BEEF-UP ITS CAPABILITIES TO PERFORM THIS FUNCTION
AS A MATTER OF PRIORITY, WITH AN ASSOCIATED LOWER PRIORITY
FOR OTHER UNDRO FUNCTIONS SUCH AS PRE-DISASTER PLANNING
UNTIL COORDINATION FUNCTION IS WORKING WELL; (C) THAT
IN ORDER TO HAVE THIS CAPABILITY IT WAS THE OPINION OF
USG DISASTER EXPERTS THAT AN OPERATIONAL PLAN BE UNDERTAKEN
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BY CAPABLE OUTSIDE CONSULTANTS, AND THAT WE FORESEE THAT

THE RESULTS OF SUCH A PLAN MIGHT INCLUDE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR INCREASED STAFF, BUILDING MODIFICATIONS, INCREASED TRAVEL AND COMPUTER RENTAL; (D) THAT THE USG IS WILLING TO UNDERWRITE THE COSTS OF THE CONSULTANTS AND THE COSTS OF THE RESOURCE REQUIREMENTS CALLED FOR IN THEIR RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 1975, UP TO A LIMIT AND HOPEFULLY WITH CONTRIBUTIONS FROM OTHER COUNTRIES ALTHOUGH THIS IS NOT CONDITIONAL TO USG FINANCIAL HELP; AND (C) THAT THEREAFTER THE UN REGULAR BUDGET WOULD PICK UP THE RECURRING COSTS.

2. IN RESPONSE TO MIN COUN'S QUESTION AS TO HIS REACTION TO PROPOSAL, BERKOL INDICATED GENERAL AGREEMENT, ALTHOUGH IT WAS NOT ENTIRELY CLEAR THAT HE UNDERSTOOD IT IN ALL ITS ASPECTS. (FURTHER CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN ROSSBOROUGH AND MISOFF TOMORROW (TUESDAY), HOWEVER, SHOULD RESULT IN CLARIFICATION OF ANY LOOSE ENDS.)

3. MINCOUN INDICATED THAT CURRENT STRATEGY WAS, IF BERKOL AGREED, TO ESCALATE DISCUSSIONS TO THE MORSE AND DAVIDSON LEVEL AND POSSIBLY FOR AMB. SCALI TO TAKE SUBJECT UP WITH WALDHEIM. FOLLOWING THE MORSE AND DAVIDSON MEETINGS PLAN WOULD BE TO CONDUCT WITH DELEGATIONS.

4. BERKOL AGREED WITH STRATEGY, INDICATING HOWEVER THAT IT WOULD BE USEFUL THAT IN DISCUSSING MATTER WITH DELEGATIONS (WHICH HE SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO DO IN ADDITION TO THE USG) THAT A TALKING PAPER SHOULD BE PREPARED. MINCOUN AGREED WITH THIS IDEA, STATING THAT USG DISASTER RELIEF PEOPLE COULD HELP IN PREPARATION OF PAPER WITH APPROPRIATE FACTS AND FIGURES. IDEA HERE WAS TO GET BERKOL AND U.S. TO JOINTLY PREPARE A PAPER, WHICH EITHER COULD BE TALKING PAPER THAT COULD BE TURNED INTO A DRAFT RESOLUTION OR A DRAFT RESOLUTION PER SE. USUN FEELS IT IMPORTANT THAT PAPER (RESOLUTION) BEARS UNDRO IMPRINT AND HAS UNDRO'S ENTHUSIASTIC SUPPORT.

5. IT IMPERATIVE, THEREFORE, THAT REPRESENTATIVE FROM AID FOREIGN DISASTER RELIEF COORDINATOR'S OFFICE COME TO NYC FOR FULL WORKING DAY, AS PROPOSED IN REFTL, HOPEFULLY TO ARRIVE NO LATER THAN EARLY WEDNESDAY MORNING, OCTOBER

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16, TO WORK WITH ROSSBOROUGH OR BERKOL AND MISOFF IN DRAFTING PAPER. PLEASE ADVISE ASAP.
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